

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on March 27, 2003 at 8:05 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society. THE TIME STAMP REPRESENTS ELAPSED TIME.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 757, 3/25/2003

Executive Action: None.

HEARING ON HB 757**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

0:00 REP. WITT, HD 89 -- Short Title: Authorize music and
entertainment districts.

EXHIBIT (tah65a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:00 Evan Barrett, Butte Local Development Corporation

EXHIBIT (tah65a02)

27:00 Barrett Singer, Foxx Industries, Destination Montana

31:00 Robert Tormey, Foxx Industries, Destination Montana

32:00 James Kaiser, St. James Hospital

33:00 Stuart Doggett, Montana Innkeepers Association

34:00 SEN. SHEA, SD 18

36:00 REP. NEWMAN, HD 38

43:00 REP. KEANE, HD 36

46:00 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

47:00 SEN. MCCARTHY, SD 29

50:00 SEN. HARRINGTON, SD 19

52:00 Pamela Haxby Cole, Butte-Silver Bow Economic
Development

55:00 REP. GALLUS, HD 35

EXHIBIT (tah65a03)

58:00 Judy Jacobson, Chief Executive, Butte-Silver Bow County

EXHIBIT (tah65a04)

1:00:00 John Sesso, Land Use Planning Director, Butte-Silver
Bow County

1:01:00 George Skulevich, Captain, Butte Police Department

EXHIBIT (tah65a05)

1:03:00 John Forkin, Southwest Montana Building Trades
Commission

1:05:00 Joe Quilici, District 3 Commissioner

1:07:00 Jim McGarvey, President, Montana AFL-CIO

1:09:00 Pete Boyce, Chief Executive, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County

EXHIBIT (tah65a06)

1:09:00 Jackie Helt, Montana Hotel Workers

1:11:00 Jerry Driscoll, Executive Secretary, AFL-CIO

1:12:00 Rick Edwards, Northwestern Energy

1:13:00 Russ Ritter, Helena Citizen

1:17:00 Gary Harrington, Butte Chamber of Commerce

EXHIBIT (tah65a07)

1:20:00 Bill Brown, Butte-Silver Bow Tavern Owner Association

1:21:00 Bill (inaudible), Transportation

1:22:00 Connie Sublette, Bartender, Hotel and Restaurant
Workers (BARC)
1:23:00 Ron Davis, Butte Business Owner
EXHIBIT (tah65a08)
1:24:00 Pat Shea, Butte Airport Board
1:24:00 Pat Clinch, Montana State Council of Firefighters
1:25:00 Mike Kearns, Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners
1:26:00 Bob McCarthy, County Attorney, Butte-Silver Bow County
1:27:00 Byron Roberts, Montana Building Contractors Association
1:28:00 J.D. Lynch, Montana State Building Trades
1:30:00 Jason Miller, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Local
112
1:30:00 Jim Davison, Anaconda Development
1:31:00 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County
1:32:00 Keath Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers, Local 233
1:33:00 Sara Cobler
1:34:00 Brad Word, Missoula
1:34:00 Wade Peters, Kalispell
1:34:00 Bob Pavlovich, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers #233
1:35:00 Jim Kamich, Economic Development
1:36:00 Dan Harrington, Director of Innovative Technology
1:37:00 Mike Ray, Butte-Silver Bow County
1:38:00 Connie Kenney, Butte Chamber of Commerce
1:38:00 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers, Local 44
1:39:00 **SEN. SPRAGUE, SD 6**
1:39:00 Robert Litehammer

Opponents' Testimony:

1:41:00 Marion Francis Waddell
EXHIBIT (tah65a09)
1:52:00 Dr. Jessie Salisbury
EXHIBIT (tah65a10)
EXHIBIT (tah65a11)
EXHIBIT (tah65a12)
1:55:00 Betty Whiting, Montana Association of Churches
EXHIBIT (tah65a13)
2:01:00 Terry Howe
EXHIBIT (tah65a14)
2:07:00 Mary Kline Ruby
EXHIBIT (tah65a15)
2:10:00 Jean Agather, Flathead Business Industry Association
2:13:00 Gary Hall, Flathead County Commissioner
EXHIBIT (tah65a16)
2:18:00 Dr. Dennis Salisbury
EXHIBIT (tah65a17)
2:23:00 Sue Olson, Don't Gamble with the Future

2:26:00 Virginia Ogle

2:30:00 Allen Schallenberger

EXHIBIT (tah65a18)

2:34:00 Mellda Freeman

EXHIBIT (tah65a19)

2:38:00 Julie Millam, Montana Family Coalition

EXHIBIT (tah65a20)

2:40:00 Jim Keane, Montana Catholic Coalition

2:40:00 Marcia Hoard

2:40:00 Steve Daniel

EXHIBIT (tah65a21)

2:40:00 Gary Koppe

2:41:00 Donald Andrews

EXHIBIT (tah65a22)

2:41:00 Sue Rolwing

EXHIBIT (tah65a23)

2:41:00 Christine Hayden

EXHIBIT (tah65a24)

2:41:00 Rachel Roberts

2:42:00 Debbie Fuchs, Great Falls

2:42:00 Katherine Freeman

EXHIBIT (tah65a25)

EXHIBIT (tah65a26)

EXHIBIT (tah65a27)

Informational Testimony:

2:43:00 Gene Huntington, Gambling Control Division, Department
of Justice

2:43:00 Cort Harrington

2:43:00 Neil Peterson, Department of Revenue

2:43:00 Ronda Carpenter, Montana Coin Operators Association

2:44:00 Rich Miller, Gaming Industry Association

2:44:00 Chere Juisto, Montana Preservation Alliance

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

2:45:00

Closing by Sponsor:

4:00:00

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:07 P.M.

REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (tah65aad)